IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Eric TRINQUET et al.

Examiner: Mark Staples

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Title: FLUORESCENT ENTITY COMPRISING A FLUOROPHORE COVALENTLY ATTACHED TO AT LEAST ONE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE AD COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE FUNCTIONAL GROUP, AND USES THEREOF

REPLY

Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed June 23, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.